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PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT

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Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 308]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 308) increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

That the House recede from its disgreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1 and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment numbered 1 insert the following: *$1,490,000,000,000*

And the Senate agree to the same.

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JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. J. Res. 308) increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, submit the following joint statement to the House and the Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

SENATE AMENDMENT NUMBERED 1

House bill.—Increases the public debt limit to $1,614.6 billion.

Senate amendment.—Increases the public debt limit to $1,450 billion.

Conference agreement.—The conference agreement increases the public debt limit to $1,490 billion.

SENATE AMENDMENT NUMBERED 2

House bill.—No provision.

Senate amendment.—Provides for a sense of the Congress statement that the President should insist that, to repatriate Cuban nationals captured in Grenada, the Government of Cuba should agree to the return of all Cuban nationals in the U.S. who are found to be deportable under the immigration laws.

Conference agreement.—The conference agreement does not include the Senate amendment.

SENATE AMENDMENT NUMBERED 3

House bill.—No provision.

Senate amendment.—Includes a provision stating that Congress determines that the requirements of section 4(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution, dealing with Presidential reporting to Congress of imminent involvement in hostilities, became operative when U.S. armed forced were introduced into Grenada.

Conference agreement.—The conference agreement does not include the Senate amendment.

SENATE AMENDMENT NUMBERED 4

House bill.—No provision.

Senate amendment.—Includes a provision stating that no funds may be expended by the U.S. to provide Jordan with military equipment for a special military force except by an expressly-authorized expenditure and with funds appropriated by Congress in an unclassified manner.

Conference agreement.—The conference agreement does not include the Senate amendment.

SENATE AMENDMENT NUMBERED 5

House bill.—No provision.

Senate amendment.—Includes a provision expressing the sense of the Senate that debt limit and budget reconciliation bills should not be used for amendments that worsen the deficit.

Conference agreement.—The conference agreement does not include the Senate amendment. The conferees recognize that the Senate has expressed its sense with regard to this matter. Since this need not be reflected in law, the conference agreement does not include the Senate amendment.

SENATE AMENDMENT NUMBERED 6

House bill.—No provision.

Senate amendment.—Includes a provision stating that unreasonable restrictions on the press in Grenada shall cease, provided such action does not jeopardize the safety or security of the U.S. or allied forces or citizens of Grenada.

Conference agreement.—The conference agreement does not include the Senate amendment.

SENATE AMENDMENT NUMBERED 7

House bill.—No provision.

Senate amendment.—Includes a provision expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should insist that Japan dismantle all nontariff barriers to the importation of beef into that country.

Conference agreement.—The conference agreement does not include the Senate amendment. The conferees recognize that the Senate has expressed its sense with regard to this matter. Since this need not be reflected in law, the conference agreement does not include the Senate amendment.

SENATE AMENDMENT NUMBERED 8

House bill.—No provision.

Senate amendment.—Includes a provision requiring the Comptroller General to prepare and transmit to Congress a report that compares amounts spent over the 15 fiscal years ending October 1, 1983, with amounts specified in the President's budget.

Conference agreement.—The conference agreement does not include the Senate amendment.

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